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25X1 1. (Confidential - JMM) Called Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, regarding Representative Les Aspin's (D., Wis.) request for a briefing (see Journal of 10 March). I said on checking our records it appeared that Aspin had attended the Director's Committee briefing on 8 February, but that this briefing did not cover the specific points about which Aspin has inquired. Slatinshek recommended that we provide to the Committee written answers to Aspin's questions and advise him by letter that we have done so in line with Committee policy and that we understand, of course, that these answers are available to him through the Committee. Slatinshek said he would like us to check out the text of our letter to Aspin with him before sending it.

25X1 3. (Confidential - GLC) Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, called to say they were planning to schedule a hearing on the Agency budget for this Wednesday, 15 March. I asked Braswell if the purpose of this session would be to talk about the problem of the funding of [redacted] or to cover the total Agency budget. He said it was to go over the entire CIA budget but not in minute detail. When I told Braswell I would check the time with the Director, he said Senator Stennis had talked with the Director about the briefing and they considered it firm.

4. (Unclassified - GLC) Miss Nancy Granese, in the office of Representative Donald M. Fraser (D., Minn.), called and asked if we could provide them with a copy of the China Atlas for their office use. I told her we would be happy to provide them with one.

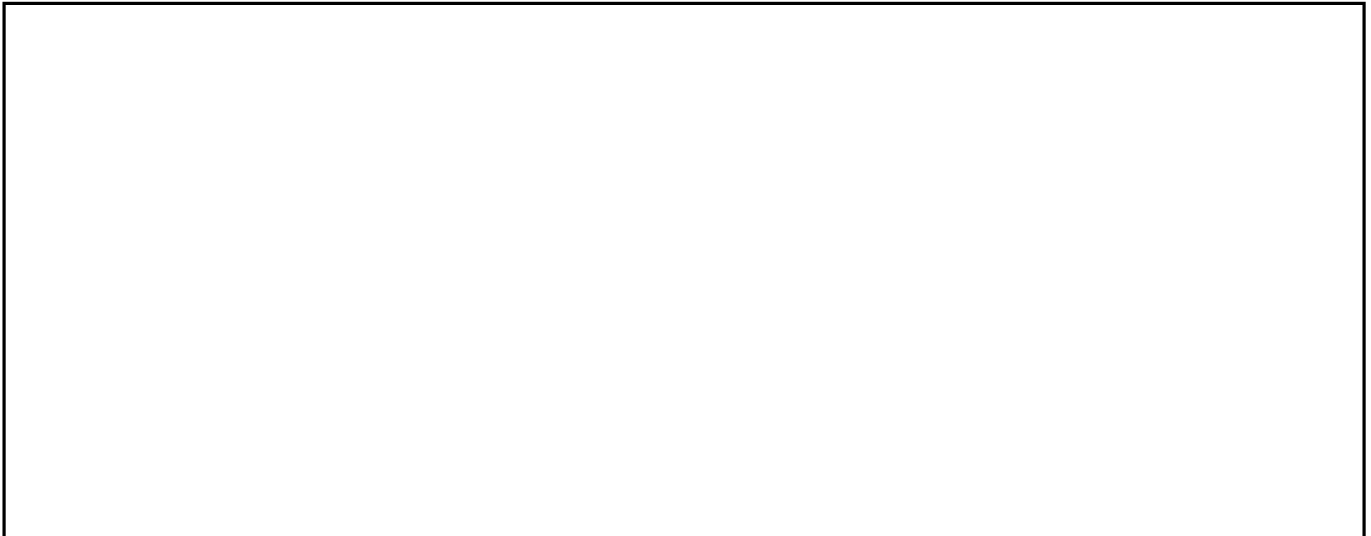
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6. (Unclassified - LLM) Based on information received from OSR and OSI, advised Lisa Gerard, in the Office of Management and Budget, that the Agency had no objection to State's proposed report to Chairman Fulbright on S. Res. 230, calling for a moratorium on all nuclear testing. This was to close out a request from the Office of Management and Budget for our views.

7. (Unclassified - SMG) Mrs. Ong, in the office of Representative Glenn Anderson (D., Calif.), called and asked for a copy of the China Atlas. I told her that someone would drop it by.

8. (Unclassified - SMG) Mrs. Green, in the office of Senator Gaylord Nelson (D., Wis.), called and asked that employment brochures and application forms be sent directly to a constituent, [redacted] Office of Personnel has been advised.

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9. (Unclassified - PLC) The Special Subcommittee on Intelligence of the House Armed Services Committee, chaired by Representative Nedzi, continued its hearings on H.R. 9853 concerning the classification and protection of information. The witness was Ralph Erickson, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice. Mr. Erickson traced the legal basis for the authority of the Executive to classify. He maintained the position that this is a matter for the Executive rather than the Legislature. He hoped that the new Executive Order would resolve most of the problems presently faced. He considered the role of Congress to be one of exercising oversight and urging that the Congress monitor carefully the implementation of the new Order. He related the position of the Justice Department that H.R. 9853 was unnecessary and duplicative of the efforts to be taken in the areas of classification and release of information. Mr. Erickson acknowledged the discrepancy within the existing criminal laws to protect against unauthorized disclosures and stated that specific proposals are under consideration by the Administration and should be submitted to the Congress in the near future. Mr. Buzhardt, General Counsel, Department of Defense, will continue testimony tomorrow on those actions within DOD to implement the new Executive Order.

10. (Confidential - JMM) Discussed with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, the plans for the Director's appearance before the Agency Subcommittee to discuss our budget. I explained we would much prefer Thursday to Wednesday. Braswell later called back to say that they would not schedule the meeting before Thursday.

11. (Confidential - JMM) Called Miss Ward, in the office of Senator John Stennis, to make an appointment for General Walters to pay a courtesy call on the Senator. She said she would see what she could do.

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12. (Unclassified - JMM) Called Chairman Nedzi, Intelligence Subcommittee of House Armed Services, to see if he could speak to our Advanced Intelligence Seminar next month. He begged off on the grounds of his heavy schedule, but said he would like to do it some day when he could find the time.

I asked Mr. Nedzi about plans for the Director's appearance to discuss security and classification matters before his Subcommittee, but he said there was nothing firm at this time since they were still conducting open hearings.

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